

ROTARY ANCHOR



New London Rotary Club

District 7980 Club 6741

Chartered April 11, 1917

P.O. Box 654
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AM Meeting: Thursdays at 7AM—Muddy Waters, New London
Lunch Meeting: Thursdays at 12:15 PM—La Luna/Holiday Inn, New London

Meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2018

January 4, 2018

Miracle League Field
Dave Putnam

January 11, 2018

Club Assembly
Quarterly Business Meeting

Invocation:

January 4: Lorraine Allen
January 11: Florence Clarke

Greeter:

January 4: Andy Russell
January 11: Chris Neilan

Song Leader:

January 4: Chris Neilan
January 11: Pete Connair

Reporter:

January 4: Andy Russell
January 11: Chris Neilan

Birthdays:

December 28: Jeanne Sigel

Anniversaries:

December 31: Neil & Marie Feinberg
January 1: Mark & Nancy Spinnato

Celebrate Post-Holiday with your Rotary Friends!

On January 9, 2018, you are invited to celebrate with your *New London Rotary* friends. We will gather for this annual post-Holiday event, at Bill Schmidt's home (8 Hillside Road in New London) beginning at 5:30pm until whenever. A sign-up sheet will be distributed at all upcoming Rotary meetings. [Please note that this event will serve as the RAH for January 2018.]



Soup Kitchen: January 11: 4-6:15pm

Join your Rotary friends at our monthly opportunity serving the NL Meal Center.

Contact Anna Lathrop to volunteer:

anna@gourmet-galley.com

Project *Light for Puerto Rico*

The Rotary Club of Arcibo is collaborating with other Rotary Clubs to provide solar-powered lamp/flashlight/cell phone chargers, with a USB port to vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, disabled veterans, and widows living alone; and also to community service leaders and nonprofit institutions that serve the community (such as nursing homes, youth centers, orphanages/foster homes, Veterans' organizations, etc.) and to senior fellow Rotarians.

Any donation will help. For \$10, you help one household. For \$100, you provide 10 lights/chargers to help people feel safer and more secure, providing them peace of mind. It is also an environmentally-friendly tool that can be used in the future once electricity is restored.

The Rotary Club of Washington, DC, provided the seed money (\$5,000) for **Phase I** of the project, which has been completed. **Phase II** was launched on November 1, 2017, with a donation from the Rotary Club of New London, CT (\$1,000), allowing the project to purchase a second order of lights. A third order was placed on November 30th, with donations from a gofundme site and other Rotary Clubs. The project organizers hope to place a 4th order by January 4, 2018. And the work will continue as long as the need exists.

Why this project? The organizers looked for an opportunity that offered a quick and meaningful impact, that would complement first responders and disaster relief efforts. When Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, 95% of the island lost electricity, water and ITC (cell phone, Internet) services. There was also a fuel and supply shortage, including batteries.

How can you help? Go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/Arcibo-Rotary-Club-Light-for-Puerto-Rico> to learn more. From there, you may donate to support these important efforts. You can see how these funds are making a difference and where the need continues to exceed the available resources. You may also share the information on this project to your Facebook and Twitter friends. Let everyone know how you and your Rotary Club are making a difference for those who need our help.